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First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry.

And there was mounting in hot haste: the steed,
The mustering squadron, and the clattering car,
When pouring forward with impetuous speed
And swiftly forming in the ranks of war.—BYRON.

THIS CORPS was formed on the 17th day of November, 1774, by the association of Twenty-six gentlemen, for the defence of the threatened rights of their country. The original officers of the Corps, were, *Captain*, Abraham Markoe. *First Lieutenant*, Andrew Allen. *Second Lt.*, Samuel Morris. *Cornet*, James Mease. *First Sergeant*, Thomas Leiper. *Second Serg't*, William Hall. *Third Serg't, & Quarter Master*, Samuel Penrose. *First Corporal*, Samuel Howell, Jr. *Second Corp'l*, James Hunter.

The troop served during the campaigns in 1776, to the Spring of 1777, were at the battles of Princeton and Trenton, took a number of prisoners, and returned home with a special discharge and a letter of thanks from General Washington;* the original of which, with the Autograph of the Commander in Chief, is in the possession of the Corps. In November, 1781, the Corps was despatched into New Jersey to apprehend certain spies.

On the 19th September, 1794, the troop marched against the insurgents of the Western Counties of Pennsylvania, who had opposed the Excise Laws of the United States, and returned in the December of that year, having marched as far as Pittsburg. Captain John Dunlap, of the Troop, was in command also, of the other City Cavalry, a Troop from New Jersey and a detachment of the Regular Cavalry of the United States, and held the rank of Major. The Roll of the Troop for this Expedition was 52. On the 4th April, 1799, the Troop marched under the command of Captain Dunlap, on "The Northampton Expedition," and returned on the 21st, 58 members, musicians and attendants. April 21st, 1814, ordered to pursue the British hostage officers who had escaped from confinement. On the 28th August, 1814, the Troop, under command of Captain Charles Ross, marched for Mount Bull on Chesapeake Bay, where they were on duty as an out-piquet, and were also charged with vidette duty from that point to Camp Dupont and the City. The Troop returned to the City on the 12th December of that year, Roll, 66 Officers and Privates, 1 Trumpeter, 5 Attendants. Officers during the Campaign of 1814, *Captain*, Charles Ross. *Second Lieutenant*, James L. Cuthbert. *Cornet*, Robert M. Lewis. *First Sergeant & Orderly*, John R. C. Smith. *Second Serg't*, Anthony Stocker. *Third Serg't*, Thomas F. Leaming. *Fourth Serg't*, Job Bacon. *First Corporal*, Matthew McConnell, Jr. *Second Corp'l*, Henry Harrison. *Third Corp'l*, Jehu R. Tunis. *Fourth Corp'l*, John B. Surimous. *Quarter Master*, John Donaldson, Jr. *Deputy Qr. Mr.*, Henry Nixon. *Assistant Dep. Qr. Mr.*, Lynford Lardner.

Since the close of the last war, the Troop has been several times on duty for the preservation of the peace within the city and suburbs in aid of the Civil Authorities, by their requisition, and formed a portion of the force that marched to Harrisburg on the 8th December last, under command of Major General Patterson.

For DRESS of Troop, see Engraving.

The UNDRESS of the Corps, consists of a Forage cap, (flat topped,) of blue cloth, with a two-inch band of scarlet cloth, a stable jacket of blue cloth single breasted, small plated ball buttons and standing collar of scarlet, pantaloons of French grey cloth, (or sky blue,) with a double stripe of scarlet cloth on the side seams worn over short boots.

The Troop still retain their original Revolutionary Standard.

The present officers of the Company are:

CAPTAIN, WILLIAM H. HART.†
FIRST LIEUTENANT, WILLIAM M. CAMAC. SECOND LIEUTENANT, JOHN LARDNER.
CORNET, ROBERT C. HEMPHILL. FIRST SERG'T. & ORDERLY, JOHN BUTLER.
SECOND SERGEANT, P. E. LAGUERENNE. THIRD & QR. MASTER, W. L. C. PENINGTON.
FOURTH " ALEXANDER LARDNER. FIRST CORPORAL, CHARLES R. THOMSON.

† Captain Hart served as Private in the Troop, during the War of 1812.

The following is a copy of the letter received by the Corps from General Washington:

* COPY FROM THE ORIGINAL IN THE POSSESSION OF THE CORPS.

The Philadelphia Troop of Light Horse under the command of Captain Morris, having perform'd their Tour of duty are discharged for the present.—

I take this Opportunity of returning my most sincere thanks to the Captain and to the Gentlemen who compose the Troop, for the many essential Services which they have rendered to their Country, and to me personally during the Course of this severe Campaign. Tho' composed of Gentlemen of Fortune, they have shewn a noble Example of discipline and subordination and in several Actions have shewn a Spirit of Bravery which will ever do Honor to them, and will ever be gratefully remembered by me.

Given at Head Quarters at

Morris Town this 23d; Jan'y; 1777

Go. WASHINGTON.



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STATE FENCIBLES. 1ST COMPY

Entered according to Act of Congress in the Year 1839, by H. G. H. G. in the Clerk's Office of the District Court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

First Corps State Fencibles.

The Volunteer Corps of STATE FENCIBLES was called into existence in the year 1814, by the spirit which prevailed during the war with Great Britain. Shortly after its organization, the services of the company were tendered to the United States, and on the 26th day of August, 1814, the corps left the city of Philadelphia, and arrived at Kennet's Square, Camp Bloomfield, on the 29th of the same month. The several companies there encamped, were organized on the 14th day of September, 1814, and composed the "*Advanced Light Brigade*," under Major General Cadwallader. The discipline introduced, was as strict as that practised in the regular army of the United States; but was cheerfully submitted to by all the Volunteers, amounting to more than 3000 men from the various parts of the States of Pennsylvania and Delaware. The Brigade changed its encampment several times; the last position selected was in the neighbourhood of Wilmington, and denominated Camp Dupont. On the morning of the 30th November, 1814, the Troops left Camp Dupont, and returned to the city of Philadelphia, the 2d day of December, 1814. The State Fencibles, along with the other companies attached to Colonel C. C. Biddle's regiment, part of the Light Brigade, were mustered and inspected, preparatory to being dismissed from the United States service, on the 3d of January, 1815, on which day they were discharged, after having performed a four months' tour with great credit to themselves and satisfaction to their officers. The Fencibles mustered 124 rank and file, and five commissioned officers. The company, after its return to the City, sustained a considerable diminution of its strength, caused by the Peace which took place, and the little encouragement offered by the Militia Laws. It continued in existence, however, until circumstances rendered a re-organization necessary: this accordingly took place on the 27th June, 1821, since which period it has flourished; and in July and September, 1827, marched to Reading and Trenton. In the Summer of 1828, to New York.—In 1829, to Wilmington.—To Easton, in 1830.—In 1832, to New York, Boston, Salem, Providence, Newark, Patterson and Easton.—In 1834, to New Brunswick—and in 1838, to Albany. At all which places, the officers and members were most kindly and hospitably received by the Military and Citizens.

The Fencibles composed a part of the command of Major General Patterson, ordered into service by the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, and which marched to Harrisburg in December, 1838.

The company is at present attached to the 108th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, *Colonel*, James Page. *Lieutenant Colonel*, W. C. Patterson. *Major*, W. W. Weeks. The rank and file are limited by the Constitution, to 55.

The Officers at present are

CAPTAIN, JAMES PAGE.

FIRST LIEUTENANT, SAMUEL GOLDEY.

SECOND LIEUTENANT, JOHN S. DUTTON.

THIRD " THOS: B. FLORENCE.

FOURTH " WM. H. FREEMAN.

QUARTER MASTER, JOHN KRICKBAUM.

SURGEON, R. TROUBAT.

FIRST SERGEANT, JOHN DONNELLY.

FIRST CORPORAL, JOHN TRUITT.

SECOND " JOHN MIDDLETON, jr.

SECOND " REUBEN P. WHITE.

THIRD " FREDERICK BOLEY, jr.

THIRD " CHARLES ERBIN.

FOURTH " ANDR. MONTGOMERY.

FOURTH " GEORGE FRANCIS.

NOTE.—The present Commander served as Private in the Corps, in the War of 1814.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW UNIFORM.

A fine Navy-blue cloth coat, three-quarters long; double breasted, edged with buff cassimere, showing two rows of buttons; the collar faced with buff cassimere, embroidered with silver lace—the back part of the collar blue, with a silver cross—the skirts turned up with buff cassimere, with four embroidered silver lace holes on each, ending at the bottom, with a silver cross; slashed cuffs, each slash with four embroidered silver lace holes, corresponding with those on the skirts, and arranged in pairs.

Pantaloon a sky blue, with a buff cassimere stripe one inch and three quarters wide down the sides, cut with a fly in front, and strapped beneath the boots.

White shoulder knots; the cross belts, body belt, and musket strap, of white webbing; white gloves; a rich plate and eagle securing the cross belts in front of the breast.

Cap high, of a conical shape, and made of blue cloth—a semi-circular plate or *gloria* in front, with the U. S. arms in the centre—plated poke and band—in the rear, two broad rich stripes of silver lace, starting from the same point at the top, and running down, forming an angle, in the centre of which is a bugle ornament—white ostrich plumes, black chin-straps.

The dress of the Officers is the same, excepting that their coats are full length, and they wear a yellow ostrich plume; the sword suspended by a buff belt, running across the body from the right shoulder, with a rich plate and eagle.

In Summer, the only change is to white beaverteen pantaloons, cut in the same manner.

Fatigue dress, dark grey roundabout, with a single row of buttons in front, grey pantaloons black stripe, small leather hunting cap.

The Officers and Privates are permitted to wear a *chevron* of silver lace on each arm, for every five years service—the Officers above, and the Privates below the elbow.

HEAD QUARTERS, 1st Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. *Philadelphia December 7th 1838.*

ORDERS.

In compliance with Brigade Orders of this date, the Regiment will assemble in winter uniform, with knapsacks and two days rations, in Broad street, south of Market street, tomorrow morning at seven o'clock.

The Colonel confidently expects to meet every soldier of the Regiment at the time and place designated. Thirteen rounds of buckshot cartridge, and seven of ball cartridge, will be supplied by the Quarter Master.

ROBERT PATTERSON,
Colonel First Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers.

HEAD QUARTERS, 1st Division P. M. *Lancaster, 9th December, 1838.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The Division will form west of the State House, at half-past 7, A. M., and take position in the cars immediately.

The Troops are reminded that they are now in the service of the State, and are governed by the articles of war, and the same rules and regulations which govern the army of the United States.

The Major General is conscious that the Volunteers under his command have too much soldierly feeling, and too high a sense of what is due to themselves, and the place they come from, to render it necessary to remind them that the strictest subordination will be required, and that any infraction of order will be promptly noticed.

The Major General earnestly requests the troops of the division to carefully abstain from all political discussion—also from doing or saying anything calculated to produce unpleasant feelings or collision with citizens. A soldier belongs to no party.

The men will recollect that this is the Sabbath, and that although we are obliged to march on this day, yet a regard for the feelings of others, as well as our duty to ourselves, require that the most perfect order and decorum be observed.

General Prevost, is appointed officer of the day.

Captain Cadwallader, officer of the guard.

By order of Major General

SAMUEL J. HENDERSON, Aid-de-Camp.

ROBERT PATTERSON.

MILITARY ANECDOTES.

DATOUR MAUBOURG lost his leg at the Battle of Leipsic. After he had suffered amputation with the greatest courage, he saw his servant shedding hypocritical tears. "Come no more of that you d——d scoundrel, you know you are very glad, for now you will only have one boot to clean."

After the surrender of Yorktown, while the Continental Troops were preparing to receive the British, who were to march forth from the garrison and deliver up their arms—WASHINGTON, addressing his men, used the following brief speech; "My brave fellows, let no sensation of satisfaction for the triumph you have gained, induce you to insult your fallen enemy, let no clamorous huzzaing increase their mortification. It is sufficient for us to witness their humiliation: POSTERITY WILL HUZZA FOR US!"